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## SAME Inducts 26 Members into Academy of Fellows

ALEXANDRIA, VA — The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) inducted 26 members into its Academy of Fellows (AOF) on Friday, March 19, 2010. Since 1972, SAME has bestowed the designation of Fellow on SAME members who have rendered dedicated service to SAME and to military engineering.

SAME would like to welcome this year's class of Fellows.

- **Lt. Col. Todd Barnes, P.E., USA (Ret.)** has been an officer of the SAME Honolulu Post for the past 10 years. Col. Barnes also has served the engineering community in positions of leadership with the Hawaii Council of Engineering Societies, which represents 17 engineering societies, and the University of Hawaii's College of Engineering. He is currently chief, Engineering and Construction Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Honolulu District.
- **David H. Bick, P.E.** has been active in the Portland Post of SAME since 1993 and has been a director and officer for 13 years. He has supported engineering education through the Engineer Week activities of SAME and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Portland District and through his work in support of the Itschner Scholarship Fund. As City Engineer and Public Works Director for Hood River, Ore., Bick oversees annual operating budgets for the city's infrastructure systems totaling nearly \$10 million, and a current capital improvement project budget of more than \$28 million.
- **Dean R. Cerny, P.E.** is a senior project engineer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Rock Island District. He has focused on leading teams to accomplish nationally significant projects in the areas of flood damage reduction, environmental restoration, operations and maintenance, and is currently supporting New Orleans District Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction System projects.
- **Richard V. "Rich" Cicchetti** has distinguished himself during his more than 27 years of service with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) New York District and the North Atlantic Division. He has been a key contributor to major USACE automation initiatives as well as to advancing the art and science of projecting future work and financial issues. Cicchetti has devoted more than 30 years of his time and talents to the Boy Scouts of America and other youth groups.
- **C. Harold Cobb, P.E.** has been an active member of the SAME Savannah and Houston/Galveston Posts for 13 years, serving as president and treasurer of the Houston/Galveston Post. Throughout his leadership at SAME and the Texas Society of Professional Engineers, where he served as regional vice president, he has forged collaboration among Houston public- and private-sector engineers. As South Central East Division Manager for Terracon Consultants Inc., Cobb oversees 280 employees in eight offices in Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas with gross revenues of \$37 million annually.
- **Col. Michael J. Conrad Jr., P.E., PMP, USA (Ret.)** has served as program chair, director, vice president and post president for SAME Posts throughout the U.S. and abroad since 1985. He currently serves as the program chair and director for the Sacramento Post. Col. Conrad has served in demanding leadership positions, including as District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Sacramento District from 2001 to 2004. He retired from active duty in 2006 and is now managing principal, Michael Baker Jr. Inc. for Northern California and Nevada operations.

- **Col. William M. Corson, LEED AP, USAF (Ret.)**, former director of installations and mission support and the civil engineer, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces from 2005 to 2009, has been an active SAME member since 1986. Col. Corson served as Pacific regional vice president, member of the Board of Direction and representative to the SAME International and Readiness & Homeland Security Committees. Significant highlights of his leadership include a 25 percent growth in membership and the Anchorage Post's earning of the Top Post award in 2007.
- **Col. Leonardo V. "Leo" Flor, P.E., USA (Ret.)** is a San Francisco Post director who has been involved with SAME throughout most of his 35-year career. His past positions include national Executive Committee member, Southwest regional vice president and Tulsa Post president. His professional contributions include: overseeing billion-dollar construction programs as deputy and acting division commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) South Pacific Division; and directing engineering assessments for the reconstruction of Iraq as deputy commander, USACE Iraq Provisional Command.
- **Lt. Col. Mark Neil Goltz, Ph.D., P.E., USAF (Ret.)** has served as Post director, Education Committee chair, chair of the Ohio Valley Regional Conference Registration Committee and Program Committee co-chair for the SAME national conference. Col. Goltz, who is a professor of environmental engineering at the Air Force Institute of Technology, has been a leader in environmental engineering research and education, publishing more than 70 scientific papers and presentations. Col. Goltz has received the Bliss Medal and the Norton Award for Teaching Excellence, and has been named AETC Civilian Educator of the Year.
- **Lt. Col. Gregory "Scott" Griffin, Ph.D., CPC, USAF (Ret.)** maintained active SAME membership since 1980. As a recipient of the SAME Newman Medal, Col. Griffin has been recognized for his partnership in groundbreaking joint construction management teams. As the Joseph Phelps Endowed Chair in Construction Management at Colorado State University, he contributed to the development of hundreds of students. He currently serves as the program manager and facilities director for planning, design and construction of the new \$800 million Defense Medical Education & Training Campus at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.
- **Robert J. Halbert, P.E.**, retired partner of Rummel, Klepper & Kahl LLP (RK&K), has been an active member of the SAME Baltimore Post since 1985. He received the Young Engineer of the Year Award in 1986, and since that time has served with distinction in nearly every elective office in the Baltimore Post, including post president, first vice president, second vice president, director and chairman of several committees including the Scholarship, Recognition Programs, Membership and North Atlantic Regional Conference Committees. He helped initiate the Post Scholarship Committee, allowing the Baltimore Post to support hundreds of students.
- **Col. Gary E. Johnston, USA**, became an SAME member in 1990 while serving as a captain at the Waterways Experiment Station. While serving as post president for the Chicago Post, Col. Johnston also served as chair of the Planning Committee for a highly successful regional conference for the Great Lakes Region of SAME. Col. Johnston organized numerous scholarship fundraising events and made multiple presentations to SAME Student Chapters. His military career includes numerous staff and command positions with combat, combat support and research organizations. He has served with distinction in the U.S., Germany, Kuwait and Iraq.
- **James R. Jones, P.E., PMP**, is a former Post president who also has served as first vice president (Membership), second vice president (Programs) and two terms as director. Jones recently was selected as Engineer of the Year by the Engineering Society of Baltimore. As deputy district engineer for programs and project management, USACE Baltimore District, Jones leads a 1,300-person organization in an annual program of more than \$2 billion. His ability to create plans for deployment of project resources and alliances with industry has been responsible for a \$7.5 billion BRAC program in the North Atlantic region.
- **D. Clay Kelly, P.E.** has devoted countless hours to SAME at the Post, regional and national levels since 1997. Throughout his career with Strand Associates, Kelly has been active with the Kentuckiana Post. The Post recognized him as the Young Member of the Year in 2003 and 2004, and he earned a Regional Vice President's Medal in 2005. In 2003, Kelly volunteered to chair the Exhibits Committee of the 2005 national conference in Louisville, Ky. Through sheer determination, Kelly set a new record of 254 exhibit spaces, contributing to the \$450,000 proceeds donated to the Education & Mentoring Fund.
- **Thomas C. Kirkwood, P.E.** has contributed significantly to the leadership of SAME, serving the Greater Kansas City Post as a director, president and committee chairman. His career encompasses 52 years as an engineer in the Midwest, serving the public and private sectors in utilities and public works. He was a principal in his firm, and concurrently was an active leader in the professional community, serving as Missouri Society of Professional Engineers president and Kansas Consulting Engineers chairman. In 2003, the American Public Works Association recognized him as one of the Top Ten Public Works Officials in the nation.

- **Lt. Col. Regan P. McDonald, P.E., USA (Ret.)**, has been an active member of SAME since 1987. In recent years, Col. McDonald served as president, vice president, programs chair, Readiness & Homeland Security Committee member and on the Education and Training Committee of the Northern Virginia Post. He previously served the Detroit Post, was the faculty adviser for the West Point SAME Student Chapter and received the Middle Atlantic Regional Vice President's Medal in 2009.
- **Geoffrey M. McKenzie, P.E.**, an SAME member since 1976, currently serves as a director of the Denver Metro Post. Previously, he served as president, first and second vice president, secretary and assistant secretary of the Denver Metro Post. As a vice president for CDM, McKenzie manages efforts for the removal of asbestos-contaminated insulation and soils from more than 1,100 residential and commercial properties in Libby, Mont. He was responsible for a contract in New Orleans, La., to rehabilitate hurricane Katrina-damaged pump stations, which now serve to help protect citizens of St. Bernard Parish from future hurricanes.
- **Erik Prestegaard, P.E.**, has been an SAME member since 1988. He has served continuously on the Mt. Tacoma Post's Executive Board since 2002, including two separate terms as Post president, for which he was twice awarded the Regional Vice President's Medal for "exemplary leadership and outstanding service." Prestegaard is currently a principal with Helix Design Group Inc. In his 40-year career in engineering, he has done significant work in the design of automated transit system guideways, construction facilities for offshore petrochemical installations and bridge pontoons.
- **James Robert Quin, P.E., LEED AP**, president of Quin and Assoc., has been post president, first and second vice president, and Education and Scholarship chair of the Denver Metro Post and is currently a director of the Post. During his term as president, Quin worked actively with the Great Basin Post to prepare a winning proposal to jointly host the 2009 national conference. As chair of the Education and Scholarship Committee from 1999 through 2002, he actively promoted the scholarship program to the Post membership and to local high schools and ROTC programs. He has been awarded two Regional Vice President's Medals.
- **Cmdr. Harold "JR" Reddish, P.E., USN (Ret.)**, president and CEO of S&B Infrastructure Ltd., has been an SAME member since 1992. While on active duty, Cmdr. Reddish was president and founding member of the Pensacola Post, and later served as president of the erstwhile Keflavik (Iceland) Post. During his naval career, Cmdr. Reddish served in numerous technical and command positions, including service as a Public Works Officer for Naval Air Station Keflavik, Iceland, where he coordinated support to joint service commands.
- **Col. John D. Rivenburgh, P.E., USA (Ret.)** currently serves as a director of the Huntsville Post. Col. Rivenburgh has served SAME as treasurer and director, Fort Belvoir Post; treasurer, Leavenworth Post; vice president, Panama Post; Stuttgart liaison to Heidelberg Post; president and director, Huntington Post; and vice president, director and president, Huntsville Post. He has served for 30 years in engineer assignments worldwide, to include Korea, Panama, Germany and the Middle East. He is currently a senior project manager with SAIC and serves as an assistant Scoutmaster and as a coach for youth athletics in Huntsville.
- **Rear Adm. Wayne G. "Greg" Shear Jr., P.E., USN**, has served as a member of the Board of Direction, the SAME first vice president, SAME president and is currently continuing his leadership role as an SAME past president. As president, his initiatives and focus areas greatly improved education and training programs. As commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC), Adm. Shear has led the organization through a period of great change and unprecedented workload. He aligned NAVFAC to meet this workload, including the establishment of three new OICC offices to handle the critical U.S. Marine Corps "Grow the Force" initiative, and BRAC construction of the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center.
- **Douglas M. Sullivan** has been an SAME member since 1993 and has served the New Jersey Post and the North Atlantic Region as president, co-chair of the North Atlantic Regional Conference and as a member of several committees. Sullivan is currently a senior program manager at the Tetra Tech EM Inc. New Jersey office, where he oversees the execution of more than \$2 million of work annually. He possesses a working knowledge of CERCLA, RCRA, TSCA, Clean Water Act, SARA Title III/EPCRA, other relevant Department of Defense (DOD) and Environmental Protection Agency regulations.
- **Col. York D. Thorpe, USAF (Ret.)** served as the Kaiserslautern Post programs chairman and as the Kittyhawk Post president-elect and president. He served on the Panama City Post Executive Board and held the first vice president and president positions. Under his leadership, the Post was recognized as a distinguished Post for 2008 and established a \$25,000 engineering endowment scholarship with Florida State University-Panama City. As AMEC Earth & Environmental Inc.'s Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency program manager, Col. Thorpe is responsible for client relationship with the agency and monitoring a construction management and architect-engineer program in excess of \$75 million.

- **Glen R. Turney, P.E.**, has been the Director of Education & Training, Vice President and President of the San Antonio Post and currently serves as a member of the Post Scholarship Committee and Board of Direction. He now serves as the Texoma regional vice president and on the SAME national Board of Direction. As senior vice president and partner for engineering-environmental Management Inc., recently acquired by HDR, Turney provides executive management for several multiyear, multimillion-dollar Air Force contracts for the Air Force Center for Engineering and the Environment. He is responsible for managing and overseeing more than \$40 million in annual revenue and managing a staff of more than 110 people.
- **Bryan J. Zatica** has been intimately involved with the Orange County and Los Angeles Posts, as a sustaining member, director, first vice president and individual member chair. As president of Macro-Z-Technology, Zatica has, over the past 21 years, successfully managed more than 200 construction projects, primarily for the DOD, with approximate revenues of \$360 million. He has received dozens of prestigious awards, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works Contractor of the Year, the Small Business Administration Minority Small Business Person of the Year award, the 2009 Region IX Entrepreneurial Success Award, and numerous design awards.

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